## IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

IN RE: THE CONVERSION OF PAPER FILES TO ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS IN POLK COUNTY JUVENILE, MENTAL HEALTH, DOMESTIC ABUSE, PROBATE AND ADOPTION CASES.

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WHEREAS Iowa Court Rule 16.102 authorizes a chief judge to order the conversion of paper court files to an electronic file for any case not subject to the Iowa Rules of Court, Chapter 16 - Rules Pertaining to the Use of the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS). It is in the best interest of all for the Court to have access via EDMS to a limited number pending Polk County Juvenile, Mental Health, Domestic Abuse, Probate and Adoption case files (i.e., JVJV, MHMH, MHMJ, DADA, ESPR, GCPR, TRPR AND ATAD case types) that exist at the time the Court implements EDMS in Juvenile, Mental Health, Domestic Abuse, and Probate Divisions on Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Accordingly:

## NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Notice is hereby given that all papers in pending and new Polk County Juvenile, Mental Health, Domestic Abuse, Probate and Adoption case files (i.e., JVJV, MHMH, MHMJ, DADA, ESPR, GCPR, TRPR AND ATAD case types) shall be filed electronically through EDMS as of 8 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Applicants for Mental Health and Substance Abuse commitments may file such applications and supporting documentation to begin the case by hard copy. Petitioners for Domestic Abuse actions may file initial petitions and supporting documentation by hard copy. However all such applicants and petitioners are encouraged to use EDMS when possible to initiate such actions
- 2. The Polk County Clerk of Court and his designees shall work with the Chief Judge, DCA and Assistant DCA III to identify specific pending or closed cases and documents that may be back scanned and/or converted for Juvenile, Mental Health, Domestic Abuse, Probate and Adoption cases for use by the

Court only per Chapter 16 Rules. Upon implementation of electronic filing in the Juvenile, Mental Health, Domestic Abuse, and Probate Divisions of the Polk County Courts, the security level of these electronic records shall be set by the Clerk of Court and his designees as identified by the EDMS Business Advisory Committee security matrix plan. Such back scanned and/or converted cases and documents shall be available only for internal Judicial Branch use due to the redaction rules, see paragraph 3 below.

- 3. The Polk County Clerk of Court or his designees shall send specific Notice Regarding Electronic Filing to the attorneys and parties appearing pro se as appropriate for such Juvenile, Mental Health, Domestic Abuse, Probate and Adoption cases.
- 4. Once notified, counsel of record or parties appearing pro se shall apply the rules pertaining to protection of personal privacy (Iowa Court Rule 16.602 through 16.607) to all future filings in that case.
- 5. After being notified of commencement of the electronic filing in the Polk County Juvenile, Mental Health, Domestic Abuse, and Probate Divisions, attorneys, parties appearing pro se, and all others shall file all future filings on all such cases, (e.g., pending, closed and re-opened, and newly opened) electronically unless otherwise exempted per the electronic filing rules under Chapter 16 of the Iowa Rules of Court.

DATED this \_3rd day of June, 2013

ARTHUR E. GAMBLE, CHIEF JUDGE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA Joshua Miller, Polk County Clerk's Office, Training/Compliance Coordinator, Probate Supervisor

Elizabeth Baldwin, District Court Administrator

Anne Sheeley, Asst. District Court Administrator III

Marilyn Lantz, Chief Juvenile Court Officer

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All Polk County District Court Court Attendants and Judicial Assistants

All Polk County Case Coordinators

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